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1. The main shipbuilding activities are centered in the Gdansk Shipyard where most of the ships are being built for the USSR.
2. Only the best materials are used, and the finishing is of exceptionally high standard, but in spite of this the Soviet Commission rejects a great deal of the work already completed. Every rivet is examined minutely and anything with the slightest flaw is rejected. 25X1
3. This state of affairs has resulted in open discontent among the workers who no longer try to hide their feelings. Disparaging remarks about the Russians and the USSR are heard more and more often. The workers resent the high-handed attitude of the Soviet representatives and the fact that the best materials are used for building Soviet shipping, while the Polish Merchant Marine receives what is left.
4. The following types of ships are in course of construction now. They can be clearly seen from the bridge which runs alongside the yard, but this is a restricted area and only people with special passes are allowed to cross it.
 - a. Deep sea trawlers built to Soviet specifications.
 - b. SOLDEK type vessels.
 - c. DONBAS type steamers of 7,000 tdw.
5. great many funnels painted with a red stripe" which denotes shipping being built for the USSR.

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